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An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.

Subject: Air operator certificate: new ICAO guidance

Purpose: This InFO supersedes InFO 06002, dated 10/30/06. It describes the new International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) requirement and provides ways an air carrier engaged in international operations can comply with the requirement.

Background: ICAO has adopted Amendment 30 to Annex 6, Part I and Amendment 11 to Annex 6 Part III. These amendments are applicable on November 23, 2006. These amendments state "An aeroplane or helicopter shall carry a certified true copy of the air operator certificate specified in 4.2.1, and a copy of the authorizations, conditions, and limitations relevant to the aeroplane or helicopter, issued in conjunction with the certificate."

Discussion: The purpose of these new ICAO Standards is for a state's regulatory authorities to be able to determine, during inspections, such as ramp inspections, which state has responsibility for regulatory oversight of the aircraft's operations, and to ascertain the extent of any conditions or limitations attached to the AOC.

To meet these new Standards, U.S. operators engaged in international operations must carry onboard a "certified true copy" of their Air Carrier Certificate and the associated authorizations, conditions, and limitations.

FAA Guidance: The FAA believes that a copy of the Air Carrier Operating Certificate and the associated authorizations, conditions, and limitations included within the certificate holder's FAA approved manuals, as required by 14 CFR parts 121, sections 121.133 and 121.135, or part 135, sections 135.21, and 135.23, meets these ICAO requirements. A notarized copy of the operator's Air Carrier Operating Certificate and a copy of the certificate holder's operations specifications would also meet this requirement.

Additional ICAO Guidance: ICAO published guidance containing another way to comply with this requirement at the following web site: http://www.icao.int/fsix/Library/Annex6_AOC.pdf

Recommended Action: Each operator that conducts International operations should ensure they are in compliance with the above ICAO Standard to carry onboard "a certified true copy" of their AOC with the associated "authorizations, conditions, and limitations".